

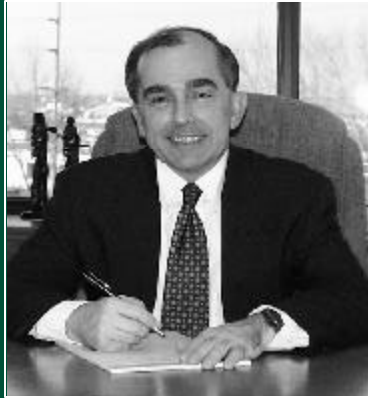


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CITY OF BEAVERTON NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2000

## □ *MAYOR'S REPORT:* *PHOTO RED LIGHT BEGINS!*



*ROB DRAKE,*  
*MAYOR*

Drivers beware! Soon, Beaverton's Photo Red Light Program will be operable at several street intersections in the City. Last year, the Oregon Legislature adopted a new law that allows four cities in Oregon, including Beaverton, to enforce red light running violations utilizing photo radar technology. After a trial period testing the Photo Red Light Program, we'll be reporting our results to the 2001 Legislature in Salem. The Legislature will determine whether the trial program should be continued.

Over half of Beaverton's injury accidents occur as a result of people running red lights. The high level of complaints of drivers running red lights and the significant injury rate prompted Beaverton to lobby the Legislature to allow this style of stronger intersection enforcement. I'm certainly aware and understand that photo radar has its critics, but it is an effective and efficient way to utilize personnel, modify driver behavior and ultimately make our streets safer. Impartial citizen polling indicates strong support for the introduction of the Photo Red Light Program. We'll be undertaking an aggressive information campaign in advance of actually implementing the Photo Red Light Program. In addition, we'll be issuing warning tickets for the first ten days of the program. Our intent is to give people plenty of notice so not to be caught off-guard about the start of the program.

The holiday season is fast approaching! It will soon be time for Beaverton's annual Holiday Open House at City Hall. On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be hosting citizens from 5 to 7 PM in the City Council Chambers and first floor conference room. This is an opportunity to meet and talk with the Mayor, City Councilors and City Department Heads and learn more about your City government. In addition, we'll have traditional holiday music, treats and a visit from Santa Claus for the kids! Several hundred citizens each year attend the event, so please do join us!

Lastly, our new City Library opened in September! If you haven't had an opportunity to visit, don't wait any longer! Many, many citizens have commented about how pleased they are with the new facility and the amenities it offers. Parking has been expanded. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism of the bathrooms, elevators and exterior portions of the building. We

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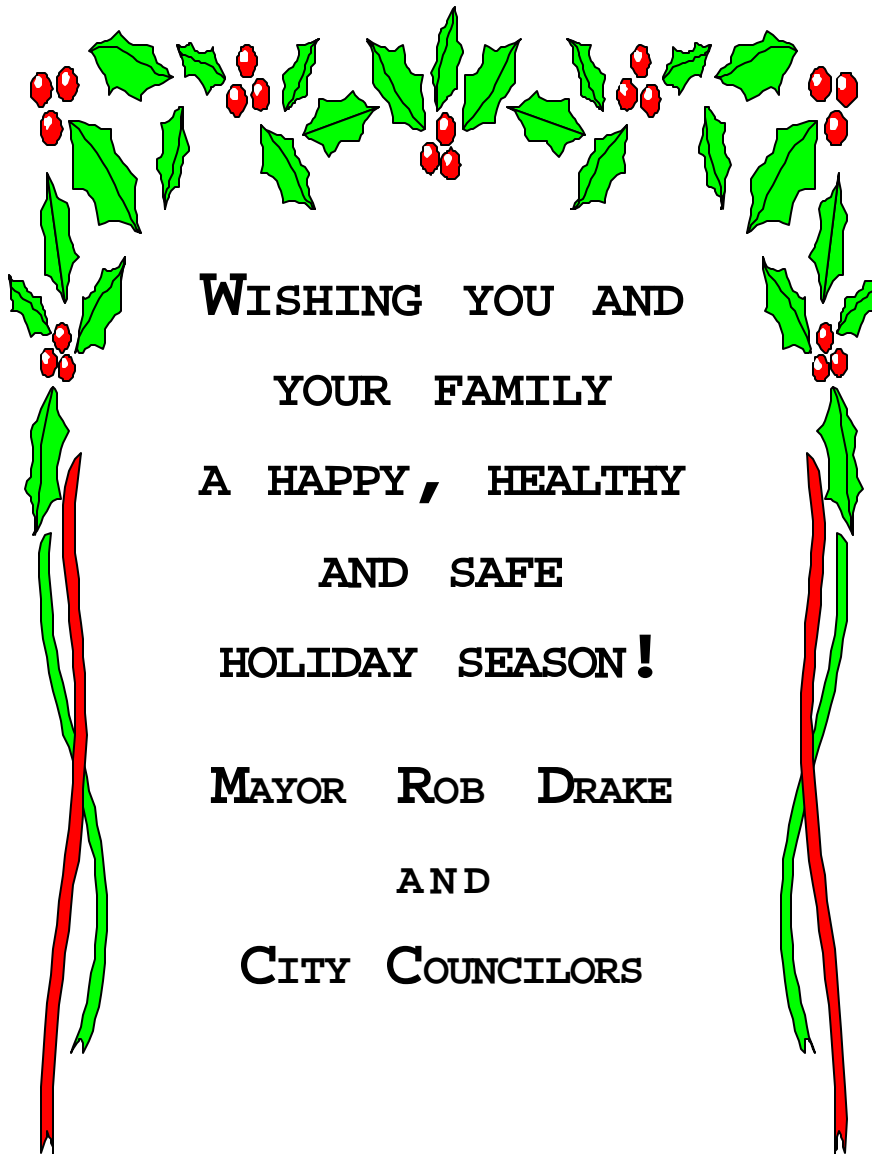
Your interests and concerns are important to us. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls. Call 503-526-3700. Messages will be checked daily and, if you leave your name and number, we will respond to you as quickly as possible.

## □ **MAYOR'S REPORT CONTINUED** (FROM PAGE 1)

are taking new measures to protect our taxpayer investment. We'll be working hard to catch those inflicting vandalism to the new building and intend to respond with the appropriate sanctions. Use of the new City Library has increased. It is gratifying that so many

new library cards have been issued to Beaverton citizens. The new facility is a beautiful and functional learning center that will serve us well for generations to come. Thank you for being so supportive of a quality learning facility. I'm very proud of the new City Library!

*- Rob Drake, Mayor*



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8640 SW TURQUOISE LOOP

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4755 SW GRIFFITH DRIVE

CONESTOGA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
12250 SW CONESTOGA

EDGEWOOD DOWNS RETIREMENT CENTER  
7799 SW SCHOLLS FERRY ROAD

ELMONICA SCHOOL  
16950 SW LISA

HIGHLAND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
7000 SW WILSON

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - LIBRARY BLDG.  
12500 SW ALLEN BLVD.

SEXTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL  
15645 SW SEXTON MOUNTAIN DRIVE

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
14645 SW DAVIS ROAD

SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
9625 SW 125 AVENUE

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
8060 SW BRENTWOOD

## **COUNCIL CORNER BY FRED RUBY:**

### **ALL RESIDENTS CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE NEW LIBRARY**

*PLEASE NOTE: THE COUNCIL CORNER ARTICLE REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCILOR WRITING THE ARTICLE. THE MAYOR'S OR OTHER COUNCILOR'S OPINIONS MAY NOT BE FULLY REFLECTED IN THE COUNCIL CORNER ARTICLES.*

All Beaverton residents can take great pride in our beautiful new library.

From the expansive, spacious interior of the building to the eye-catching ceramic tile wall of award winning artist Jun Kaneko, the library represents an enormous achievement for Beaverton. Beaverton's citizens are to be applauded for their farsightedness in passing the \$21.9 million dollar bond measure to make this long-awaited project a reality.

Unfortunately, our community's spirit of accomplishment has been disrupted by a rash of vandalism at the new library. The extent of the vandalism has been disheartening, almost shameful. The wood panels in the elevators have been gouged with swear words. Bathroom fixtures have been damaged, the stalls have been marred by graffiti and, on one occasion, a liquor bottle was left smashed on the floor. (As a result, the library has been forced to lock all bathrooms with keys available at the information desk). The cement benches in the exterior courtyard of the building, built to last "forever" at a cost of \$4,000 apiece, have been chipped by skateboarders who have also sullied the smooth surfaces of the benches with heavy, goopy wax. The bolts of several wooden benches near the fountain have been removed in an unsuccessful effort to steal the benches.

Recently, at 2:00 AM, a teen was apprehended hitting baseballs into the front of the library. That is not a misprint; this happened at 2:00 AM!

It is important to recognize the new library was intended, in large part, to advance educational opportunities for Beaverton's youth and most of our young people have embraced that mission with enthusiasm and

appreciation. The homework center has played to a packed house from its inception. Teen study groups occupy the library with dedication and resolve. Unfortunately, a few destructive individuals can discredit an entire generation of students.



*COUNCILOR FRED RUBY*

It does no good to wring our hands and decry the decline of community standards, or how our young people don't respect authority or community property. This type of behavior is, unfortunately, a rite of passage for some teens, and this is not a new phenomenon. But, it is important for all of us to be vigilant in protecting and cherishing this shining community asset. To that end, your City Council is committed to ending this vandalism and we are asking for your help.

Much of the problem is a lack of parental supervision. Parents should not permit their youngsters to use the library for skateboarding, roller skating or other inappropriate activities. Parents can help to instill a sense of pride in their children and encourage them to respect what the library contributes to Beaverton.

Parents should also be aware the City has already moved to increase the level of security and police patrols in the vicinity of the library. The City's zero tolerance policy for vandalism means that offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. In some cases, a warning may be issued. But in cases where outright property crime is being committed, parents should not expect any leniency for youthful offenders. At this juncture, the City has no choice but to slam the door shut on the abuses that have occurred.

We all hope that this is simply a period of adjustment, a bump in the road. But it will require a united community effort to solve this problem. With your help, we can look forward to our new library continuing as a symbol of vitality and opportunity for Beaverton's citizens.

#### **CITY COUNCILORS WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS**

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following phone numbers:

Evelyn Brzezinski	-	503-526-2347
Dennis Doyle	-	503-526-2344
Fred Ruby	-	503-526-2345
Forrest Soth	-	503-644-4972
Cathy Stanton	-	503-526-2343

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## PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER (PART 1)

Automatic sprinkler systems make watering lawns and gardens easier and save time. But, irrigation water that may be contaminated by weed killers, pesticides or fertilizers can be back siphoned into your drinking water. Irrigation systems not protected by special backflow prevention valves could endanger the health of a household, neighborhood or possibly community. If a cross connection between plumbing containing a harmful substance and a drinking water pipe is not protected the harmful substance may flow back into the water main, and be accidentally consumed by the water customers.

A “cross connection” is a point in a plumbing system where the drinking (potable) water supply is connected directly or can be connected directly to a non-potable source. The Oregon Health Division, a unit of state government, has primary responsibility to regulate public drinking water systems and to enforce the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The Oregon Health Division

administrative rules requires the City of Beaverton to operate our drinking water system free of actual or potential sanitary hazards, including cross connections. Further, the Oregon Health Division requires the City of Beaverton to carry out a local cross connection prevention program.

Examples of cross connections, which could allow harmful substances to be carried into the public water supply, are:

- **Chemicals from lawn fertilizing sprayers**
- **Solar heating systems and swimming pools**
- **Heating systems using boilers**
- **Private wells with connection to the public water system**
- **Fire systems which use black iron pipe or other non-potable piping**

Since 1985, the City of Beaverton has required backflow assemblies on commercial and industrial plumbing where cross connection hazards or

potential hazards exist. Backflow prevention assemblies have also been required by plumbing codes for residential sprinkler systems, for many years. However, it has been difficult and costly to determine how many residential irrigation systems exist, how many already have backflow assemblies and how many need backflow assemblies to be installed and tested annually.

Residential customers have a lower risk with sprinkler systems than commercial and industrial customers. Nevertheless, Oregon law as well as common sense requires the public water system to be protected from cross connections and potential backflow of harmful substances into our drinking water.

We appreciate your time in reading this article and ask for your cooperation in protecting the City’s water system. For more details, look for “Protecting Your Drinking Water Part II,” in the next issue of *Your City*.

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## IMPROVEMENT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

The City is developing plans on various projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the City. Construction of these projects is expected to occur in the summer of 2001. Following are brief descriptions of two projects.

### **Hall Blvd. Bike Lanes Project.**

Hall Blvd. will be widened to accommodate bike lanes between Ridgcrest Drive and Cascade Blvd. The project includes widening of the existing pavement between Ridgcrest

Drive and the Fanno Creek Bridge and widening of the Fanno Creek Bridge. Additional widening is planned at the southwest corner of Hall Blvd. and Creekside Drive and the northeast corner of Hall Blvd. and Nimbus Avenue. The roadway within the project limits will receive an asphalt overlay and be re-stripped with bike lanes.

**Center Street, 113th Avenue, Cabot Street and 110th Avenue Bikeway/Sidewalk Improvements.** The City is planning to “fill in the gaps” of

sidewalks and bike lanes on these four streets. Five-foot wide bike lanes will be added within the project limits on these streets. The bridge over Highway 217 on Cabot Street has only one sidewalk, which is on the north side. Therefore, sidewalks are planned only on the north side of Cabot Street. Sidewalks will be added on 110th Avenue between Cabot and Center Streets where gaps

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## HEARINGS ON NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS SCHEDULED

On November 1 and 8, 2000, the Planning Commission began hearings on new elements of the Comprehensive Plan drafted by the Planning Services Division of the Community Development Department. The proposed elements address the following topics:

- **Public Facilities and Services**
- **Economy of the City**
- **Housing**
- **Natural, Cultural, Historic, Scenic and Energy Resources**
- **Environmental Quality and Safety**

Adoption of these Plan elements would not result in amendments to the City's zoning map or Development Code, although policy and action statements in the proposed elements could direct subsequent changes in development regulations. Such changes would be subject to a separate notification and hearings process.

This work is being done as part of the City's "periodic review" process, which is prescribed by the State Land Conservation and Development Commission to ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are up-to-date in addressing local and regional growth issues as well as new State laws and rules. The City, which has been in the periodic review process for several years, has already adopted a new Transportation Plan and is about to adopt

a new Land Use Element and new stream protection regulations. With adoption of the elements listed above, the City will be close to completion of the process.

If you have questions or are interested in receiving a copy of one or more of the draft elements, please call 503-526-2494 V/TDD.

### WHERE IS YOUR ADDRESS?

Can you see your address number from the street or access way in front of your house or business? If you can't, how can visitors, guests or potential customers find you? More importantly, how can Police, Fire or ambulances find you in an emergency?

The City Building Division assigns address numbers to each property to assist emergency services in locating the site. In an emergency, every second counts and the quicker your property can be located, the quicker help can arrive. Mail delivery and other individuals also use addresses to locate homes and businesses. Beaverton Municipal Code 9.02.030 requires the property address numbers to be displayed so they are plainly visible from the street or access way. The numbers are to be wide stroke block numbers, a minimum of six inches in height (four inches for single family homes), contrasting color to the background and arranged so they are not more than 45 degrees from horizontal. You may want to take a moment and see if your address number can be easily seen. If not, please take the time to post the number as described above. This will greatly enhance the ability for locating your property. Who knows, a long-lost friend may finally be able to find you, and businesses can always use another customer.

## IMPROVEMENT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CONTINUED (FROM PAGE 4)

exist. A new sidewalk on the west side of 113th Avenue will connect Cabot and Center Streets. A public open house/neighborhood review meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2000

between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Both of these projects are being funded by state transportation funds

with matching City funds. Additional information on these projects and project location maps are available on the City's Internet website at [www.ci.beaverton.or.us](http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us).



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## *WE'RE TO THE RESCUE WITH THIS YEARS FALL CLEAN-UP PROJECTS*

Autumn in Beaverton, we know the sequence well; a brief time of colorful splendor that ends with many of us outside scrambling to get the leaves raked up before the endless days of rain. All those leaves . . . too many to compost (if we have setup a composting bin), and too many bags to have lined up in our yards waiting for the garbage service to haul them away.

In order to help provide assistance with this yearly cleanup, the City of Beaverton, in conjunction with Unified Sewerage Agency (USA), will be opening a leaf disposal station. This will be held on Saturday, December 9, at the City of Beaverton Operations Center, located at 9600 SW Allen Blvd.

The city is implementing this program due to the problems that arise when leaves are raked or dumped onto

the street near the curb area. This creates possible flooding situations when fall and winter rains move the leaves down the curbline covering the catch basins. Moving the leaves into the street is also in violation of City ordinances, (Obstructing the Right-of-Way-5.05.115 and Dumping Debris in Streets-5.05.095). Although Operations Department staff steps up efforts to keep the streets clean in the fall, the City street sweepers cannot remove piles of leaves. Street sweepers are designed to pick up leaves that fall naturally from the trees into the street.

The city will be opening the Operations Center December 9, from 8 AM to 4 PM to accept LEAVES ONLY. Anything mixed with the load such as branches, shrubs, trash and plastic bags, etc. will not be accepted. If you bring

your leaves in plastic bags or containers, they will need to be emptied out into the deposit site.

USA will operate their leaf program on the same date and time at the Sunset High School parking lot located at 13840 NW Cornell Road and the Aloha High School parking lot located at 18550 SW Kinnaman Road. City of Beaverton residents are welcome to use these facilities if it is a more convenient location.

The Operations Department wishes the citizens of Beaverton an enjoyable holiday season and looks forward to hearing from you with questions or comments. For questions concerning the leaf disposal stations and general maintenance questions, please call 503-526-2220 V/TDD.

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## *REINING IN SIGNAGE*

One of the most interesting parts of our job at Code Services is the time spent in the neighborhoods of Beaverton. On a weekly basis, Code Services officers are in the field investigating and confirming complaints filed with our office by citizens. This provides officers with the opportunity to frequently witness some of the different trends in code violations. One of the more noticeable and increasingly frequent problems has been the proliferation of signs in violation of the Beaverton Development Code and City Code.

Under the Special Regulations section of the Development Code, certain types of signs and signs in particular locations are not permitted. Portable signs are not allowed in any location, except for the purpose of customer convenience or approved construction projects. Portable signs

usually come in the form of A-frame, lunch board style signs and pedestal style cigarette panel signs. The misconception among residents and business owners is often that the signs are not allowed on public property but can be placed on private property. The fact is the Development Code does not permit these types of signs in any location, therefore, no permit can be obtained for these signs.

The City Code prohibits signs in the public right of way. In most cases the public right of way starts where a land owner's property meets the public sidewalk and extends to the same point on the other side of the street. Where there is no sidewalk, a typical measure of the public right of way starts at the center of the roadway and extends outward 25 feet. Signs that are most frequently in violation of this prohibition

include real estate signs, political signs, street-side sales signs, portable signs of the types described above and promotional signs. Please note, if these signs are found in the public right of way by our officers, they will be picked up and their owners will be contacted to come and get them.

Code Services appreciates all efforts made by City residents and business owners to comply with City sign codes. Reigning in signage results in more accessible sidewalks and right of ways and less cluttered commercial areas in our City.

If you have any questions regarding these standards or need to contact our office with information regarding signage, please call the Code Services office at 503-526-2270 V/TTD or e-mail us at codeservmail@ci.beaverton.or.us.

## CITIZENS PLAY INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN CLEARING CASES

'Tis the season to be thankful. With the holidays upon us, there is no better time to express our appreciation to those who have had a positive impact upon our lives.

Honoring the spirit of the season, we at the Beaverton Police Department take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the citizens of our community. We thank you for your support and for your willingness to work hand-in-hand with police officers to prevent and fight crime within the community.

In truth, law enforcement agencies would have a difficult time solving crimes and apprehending criminals without input from citizens. The information a police officer has to work with when arriving at a scene is equivalent to that of a snapshot. In most cases, they are not privy to what

transpired before or after the incident. If little physical evidence exists, their job is that much more difficult.

On the other hand, citizens witnessing incidents can recreate scenes from their memories as well as provide other related information not otherwise available to officers and detectives. Serving as the eyes and ears of the police department, this makes citizens' roles in clearing cases invaluable.

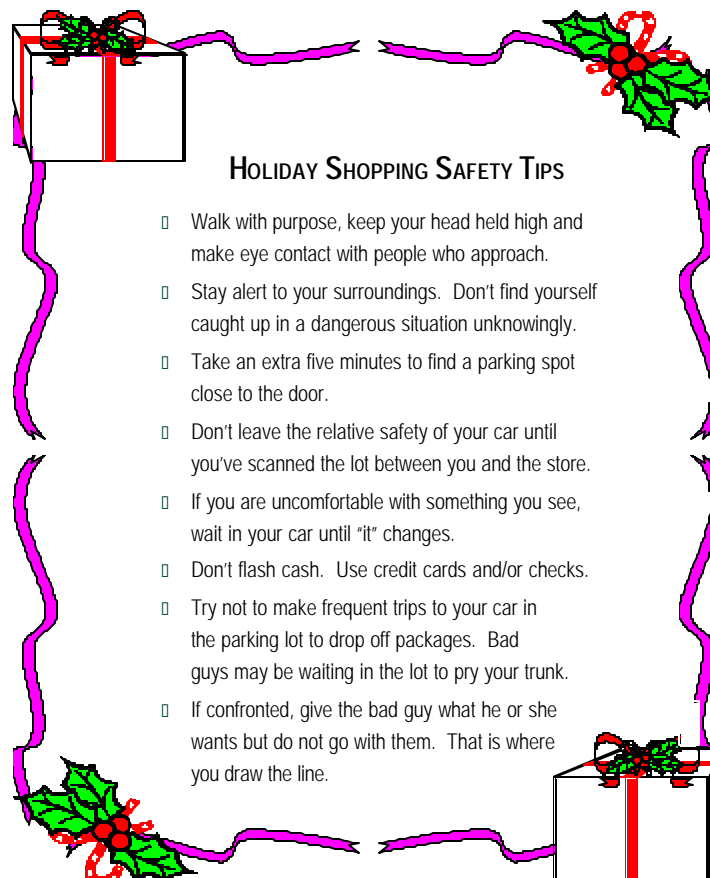
Fortunately for the police department, the influx of information from citizens is not limited to those who witness incidents. The local media serves as a conduit in the exchange of information between law enforcement and the community.

An example is The Portland/Metro Crusader. The publication's slogan reads "fighting crime with information."

It accomplishes just that by providing citizens with information on wanted subjects, missing children and crime prevention techniques. Since partnering with the publication in 1997 along with other area police agencies, more than 230 wanted individuals have been captured due to leads from the community.

As the city grows and the face of crime takes new and different shapes, citizens' roles in helping to clear cases will become increasingly important. Community oriented policing, initially thought by many to be a fad, will remain out of necessity. As much as citizens need the police, the police need citizens.

"Thank you for your continued partnership," comments Chief David G. Bishop. "From all of us at the Beaverton Police Department, may your holidays be safe and memorable."



### HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

- ❑ Walk with purpose, keep your head held high and make eye contact with people who approach.
- ❑ Stay alert to your surroundings. Don't find yourself caught up in a dangerous situation unknowingly.
- ❑ Take an extra five minutes to find a parking spot close to the door.
- ❑ Don't leave the relative safety of your car until you've scanned the lot between you and the store.
- ❑ If you are uncomfortable with something you see, wait in your car until "it" changes.
- ❑ Don't flash cash. Use credit cards and/or checks.
- ❑ Try not to make frequent trips to your car in the parking lot to drop off packages. Bad guys may be waiting in the lot to pry your trunk.
- ❑ If confronted, give the bad guy what he or she wants but do not go with them. That is where you draw the line.

## QUICK CALL TO 9-1-1 SAVES LIVES

Few people will hesitate to call 9-1-1 when they discover fire in their home. Yet, many people will wait hours or even days to call for help when they experience chest pain or shortness of breath-typical symptoms of a heart attack. That delay can be deadly!

Emergency responders know "Time is muscle" - the faster a person experiencing symptoms gets treatment, the more heart muscle will be saved and the better their chance of survival. Last year, our firefighters responded to more than 14,400 medical and rescue calls. Many of the heart attack patients we encountered had waited hours before calling 9-1-1 for help.

Why do people wait? For the elderly, it may be embarrassment. They may not want neighbors to see fire and medical vehicles in front of their home. For women ages 30 to 40, it may be they can not believe they are having cardiac ischemia, reduced blood flow to the heart, because their symptoms are mild.

*The American Heart Association lists the heart attack warning signs as:*

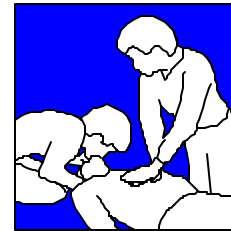
- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck or arms.
- Chest discomfort with light-headedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

*Less common warning signs of heart attack are:*

- Unusual chest pain, stomach or abdominal pain.
- Nausea or dizziness.
- Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing.
- Unexplained anxiety, weakness or fatigue.
- Palpitations, cold sweat or paleness.

Should you experience any of these symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately. Let our firefighters and paramedics assess your condition to determine if you need emergency medical treatment.

CPR can help save the life of someone having a cardiac arrest. Call TVF&R at 503-625-2065 to register for a CPR Class today! Classes are held each month at several locations throughout the district.



## "SAFETY BY DESIGN"

How safe do you perceive your home, neighborhood, community or jurisdiction to be? It is by no coincidence that you feel safe or unsafe in specific areas.

**CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN** (CPTED - pronounced "sep-ted") is a proactive crime fighting technique in which proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in crime as well as an improvement in the quality of life for members of the community.

Communities, neighborhoods, individual homes and other buildings, streets and parks can all be made safer through the application of design principles that make it more difficult to

carry out inappropriate activities. CPTED applies several concepts, all of which are interrelated.

- **Natural Surveillance:** Criminals don't want to be seen. Natural Surveillance is the placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way as to maximize the ability to spot suspicious people and activities.
- **Access Control/Target Hardening:** The physical guidance of people coming and going from a space by the judicious placement of entrances, exits, fencing, barriers, security devices, tamper-resistant materials, landscaping and lighting can discourage crime.

- **Territorial Reinforcement:** People protect territory that they feel is their own and have a certain respect for territory of others. Territorial Reinforcement is the use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fencing, signage and landscaping, fostering resident's interaction, vigilance and control over their neighborhood.

- **Activity Support:** Encouraging legitimate activity in public spaces helps discourage crime. A basketball court in a public park or community center will provide recreation for youth while

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## BEAVERTON'S NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

Traffic calming is not speed bumps. And, no matter how you feel about it, it's not designed to punish drivers. Traffic calming is designed to improve the "livability" of a community by slowing and/or reducing traffic volume on designated streets. To be effective, traffic calming on some streets must be balanced with other streets that are designed to move traffic quickly and easily. Traffic calming has been implemented throughout the world, from Brisbane, Australia to Beaverton, Oregon.

But how did we get to the point where we need traffic calming in Beaverton? The root cause is that many Beaverton streets were designed decades ago, not anticipating our current population. Furthermore, we can expect to have more growth, denser infill and more traffic. More traffic means that drivers will seek shortcuts to circumvent traffic jams. These shortcuts often result in neighborhood traffic problems.

So is there anything we can do to protect our neighborhoods? Yes! First, the city has been widening some major thoroughfares so traffic will move more easily, reducing the incentive for drivers to cut through neighborhoods. Second,

Beaverton has a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program that enables residents to improve their neighborhoods.

### HOW TO START TRAFFIC CALMING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

First, determine if your neighborhood is eligible for traffic calming. An eligible neighborhood has:

- **Posted speeds of 30 mph or less**
- **85 percent of all traffic exceeding the speed limit by 5 mph OR cut-through traffic is at least 25 percent of all traffic**
- **Not been listed as a primary emergency response route**
- **No more than two lanes**

Second, submit a request to the Transportation Division. City traffic engineers will meet with you and your neighbors to evaluate your neighborhood's traffic needs. Collect petition signatures - at least 51 percent of your neighbors must support the proposed traffic calming measures.

Next, the Traffic Commission holds a public hearing and decides which neighborhoods to recommend to City Council for traffic calming. The City Council decides which projects will

receive preliminary approval. If your neighborhood is selected, city traffic engineers develop a project plan, which is submitted to the City Council for final approval.

### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE PROGRAM

Traffic calming may consist of a number of measures. Educational programs may encourage residents to revise their driving habits. The speed limit could change. Traffic warning signs could be installed. Or, a street's design could be changed by:

- **Narrowing the road**
- **Adding road curves or traffic circles**
- **Enhancing the landscape**
- **Installing speed bumps and tables**

While we can't expect traffic to go away, Beaverton's Traffic Calming Program is here to help us ensure our neighborhoods are safe and livable.

For more information about the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program, call the City's Transportation Division at 503-526-3726 V/TDD.

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**making strangers more obvious and increasing active natural surveillance and the feeling of ownership.**

- **Hierarchy of Space:** Territoriality is enhanced through identifying ownership by delineating private space from public space through real or symbolic boundaries.
- **Environment:** What is the intended use of an area? Design or location decisions that take into

**account the surrounding environment and minimize the use of space by conflicting groups can minimize crime and increase livability.**

- **Image/Maintenance:** Ensuring that a building or area is clean, well-maintained, and graffiti-free supports territoriality and activity support.

In summary, safer, friendlier neighborhoods are the result of a

combination of many factors that all need to be carefully blended together to generate an adequate level of neighborhood vitality and interaction. This in turn promotes a sense of neighborhood identity which translates into the perception of a more secure neighborhood that in turn influences the reality of one.

For more information, contact the City of Beaverton Police Department, 503-526-3722 V/TDD, or e-mail at [leonard@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:leonard@ci.beaverton.or.us)

## ***CITY OF BEAVERTON TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM!***

***THE FINE FOR RUNNING A REDLIGHT IS \$175.00***

***When will the City implement the Photo Red Light Pilot Program?*** Soon the City of Beaverton will implement the Red Light Camera Enforcement Pilot Program.

***Why does Beaverton need Photo Red Light?*** Over the past three years (1997-1999), there have been 290 accidents in Beaverton caused by drivers disregarding red lights. In 1999, Beaverton Police Officers issued 53 percent more citations for failure to obey traffic control devices than 1998.

***What is photo red light enforcement?***

Using cameras at intersections will help Beaverton enforce traffic laws by photographing vehicles whose drivers run red lights. The system is connected to the traffic signal and to sensors buried in the pavement at the crosswalk or stop line. The system continuously monitors the traffic signal and the camera itself is triggered by any vehicle passing over the sensors above a pre-set minimum speed and a specified time **after** the signal has turned red.



## ***2020 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UNDERWAY***

The 2020 update of the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) is underway. The update is needed to comply with recent changes to the Regional Transportation Plan and to expand the City's TSP to include recently annexed areas. The plan will determine the bicycle, transit, pedestrian and vehicle improvement projects necessary to keep the system functioning acceptably over the next 20 years.

Public involvement opportunities will be centered around four Traffic

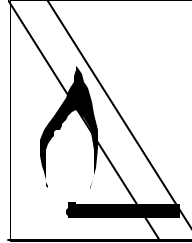
Commission meetings that will invite participants to interact with the Commission and consultant as work products are reviewed. These work sessions are tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2000, February 1 and March 1, 2001. The Draft Final 2020 Transportation System Plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the public at the Traffic Commission's April 5, 2001 meeting. Staff will be available to make presentations at City committee and NAC meetings throughout the process.

Three open houses will also invite residents to review the plan as it develops. The open houses are tentatively scheduled just prior to the February, March and April Traffic Commission meetings. [Contact Margaret Middleton, Transportation Division at 503-526-2424 V/TDD to schedule presentations and for further information.]

## CHILDREN PLAYING WITH FIRE

National statistics show that children start over 100,000 fires each year, resulting in the death of 300 people and \$280 million in property damage. The issue of children starting fires is not unfamiliar to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. The District's deadliest fires have been started by juveniles playing with fire. In an effort to prevent these tragic incidents, TVF&R has a Juvenile Firesetter Program. The program offers free screening, educational intervention and referrals for treatment to parents, caregivers and children who have been

involved with fire activities. Last year, TVF&R had 140 incidents involving children playing with fire and explosives and District representatives met with 126 children. Please call our North Division Office at 503-526-2469 V/TDD if your child is showing an interest in fire.



Safeguard your home and family against juvenile firesetting:

- Keep all matches and lighters out of reach of young children
- Teach children that fire is dangerous and should be used only by adults
- Teach children to tell an adult if they find matches or lighters
- Report juveniles playing with matches or lighters by calling 911
- Install and maintain working smoke alarms in your home

## Axiom Electronics recycles on all circuits.

When it comes to recycling, Axiom Electronics is a powerful force. In the last year, the Beaverton circuit board company has supercharged its recycling program to include 18 different materials.

"Reducing waste and reusing or recycling everything we can is one way we're taking responsibility as custodians of our city and the planet," says Debbie Benke, Axiom process engineer and recycling coordinator. "Everything we keep out of the landfill - from plastics to batteries - makes a difference."

Axiom Electronics, Inc. is just one of the local companies recognized by the Business Recycling Awards Group (BRAG).

To find out how you can improve your business recycling program and get noticed, too, call the Beaverton Recycling Program at (503) 526-2645.

Congratulations to these new Distinguished BRAG members:

- Allentown's
- Integrated Measurement Systems
- Oregon First Builders
- George Mutual Insurance
- Paramount Graphics
- Stand Your Ground



Debbie Benke  
process engineer



BRAG is sponsored by your local governments and Metro. Visit a complete member list at [www.BRAGaward.org](http://www.BRAGaward.org)

## BEAVERTON ARTS COMMISSION

### *BEAVERTON ARTS SHOWCASE MOVES TO FEBRUARY*

"Beaverton Visual Arts Showcase," the Beaverton Arts Commission's nineteenth annual juried art exhibit and sale will move to February 2001. The weekend art show, traditionally held during the month of November, will take place February 2-4. The event-filled weekend includes a Gala Reception on Saturday, February 3 and a Family Art Day on Sunday, February 4.

The Commission is currently seeking artists to apply to Showcase 2001 which transforms the corridors of the

Beaverton Mall into a fine art gallery. Approximately 100 works of art will be selected for Showcase 2001 and nearly \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to participating artists. The postmarked deadline for application is Monday, November 20th, 2000. There is no application fee. To receive a prospectus, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Beaverton Arts Commission, PO Box 4755, Beaverton, OR 97076.

### *BEAVERTON VISUAL CHRONICLES MOVE TO THE NEW LIBRARY*

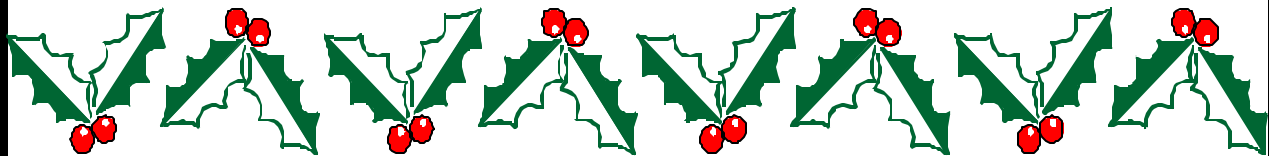
The Beaverton Visual Chronicles is on display in the Local History Room

(2nd floor) of the new Beaverton Library. The collection includes a dozen works of art by local artists which document the life of the Beaverton community past or present. The collection of prints, drawings, paintings and photographs will remain on display in the Local History Room indefinitely. Additionally, new works of art will be added to the collection in the spring.

### *NEW WORKS OF PUBLIC ART UNVEILED AT THE NEW LIBRARY*

The Beaverton Arts Commission

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## CALENDAR OF CULTURAL EVENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

November 1-29	Watercolors by Victoria Russel and Baskets by Sally McCarrick will be on display at Beaverton City Hall, Third Floor, Mon-Fri., 8-5. 503-526-2288.
November 1-30	Art Showing at Montinore Vineyards. Pacific NW wildlife painter, Pam Stoehsler, will be featured in the tasting room. 503-359-5012.
Nov. 5-Dec. 23	Holiday Show at the Oregon College of Art and Craft, featuring Ceramics, glass, jewelry, ornaments and more. 503-297-5544
Nov. 16-26	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," Hillsboro Actors Repertory Theatre. For tickets call, 503-693-7815.
Nov. 24-26	Annual Holiday Wooden Toy Show. World Forestry Center. 503-228-1367
Dec. 1-3	Annual Western Woodcarvers Holiday Woodcarving Show. World Forestry Center. 503-228-1367.
Dec. 2&3	A Bach Christmas, Washington County Chorale, <a href="http://www.wc-chorale.org">www.wc-chorale.org</a> .

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## NOVEMBER IS MEDIATION MONTH!

Mayor Rob Drake has proclaimed November, 2000 as "Mediation Month." The City of Beaverton has long been a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative method for resolving disputes and has been committed to providing mediation services as an effective way for addressing conflicts within our community. Mediation empowers individuals to take control of their situations and create solutions to conflicts that meet their particular needs.

The Community Dispute Resolution Center (CDRC) has provided mediation

services and conflict resolution education to Beaverton area residents for the past twelve years. The Center has two mediation programs. The Neighborhood Mediation Program helps to resolve neighborhood and community conflicts in a positive way that helps to strengthen community relationships. The Victim Offender Mediation Program works with juvenile offenders referred by the Washington County Juvenile Department and their victims. Through mediation, victims of crime are provided the opportunity to meet with the offenders, address their

losses and have a voice in determining their restitution.

The CDRC provides these services through the hard work of a team of dedicated volunteer mediators. Approximately 30 volunteers contributed 1,500 hours of volunteer time during the last fiscal year to the Center.

If you and your neighbor have a situation, a disagreement or some kind of problem between you, then consider mediation and call the Community Dispute Resolution Center at 503-526-2523 V/TDD.

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## BEAVERTON ARTS COMMISSION CONTINUED (FROM PAGE 12)

(BAC) proudly unveiled a major commissioned work by internationally renowned artist Jun Kaneko and a collection of five, exceptional artworks by noted regional artists. These exciting new works, purchased through the City of Beaverton's One Percent for Art Program, will be on permanent display in the new Beaverton Library. The works include:

**"Chaka" by Allen Cox - second floor, outside Business Information Center**

**"Fact and Fiction" by John Buck - next to Circulation Desk**

**"Continuance" by Lisa Elloriaga Czysz - second floor, outside Business Information Center**

**"Lilies and Tulips" by Hank Pander - first floor, Conference Room**

**"Teeter" by Laura Ross-Paul - second floor, Periodical Section**  
**Ceramic Tile Wall by Jun**

### **Kaneko - Entrance Lobby**

The commissioned ceramic tile wall, which warmly and beautifully welcomes each visitor as they enter the Library, consists of 455 tiles, weighing 10 lbs each. The design features multicolored lines and shapes on a bronze colored luster background. Often described as a visionary in ceramic art, the prominent Japanese sculptor is internationally renowned. Having his work in our community is a tremendous honor and distinction. His timeless work will delight citizens and visitors for years to come.

### **BAC INTRODUCES BEAVERTON ARTS FOUNDATION AT GALA**

The Beaverton Arts Commission (BAC) co-hosted a Gala Reception with the Beaverton Arts Foundation on Saturday, November 4th, from 6:30-8:30 PM. The Gala was an after-hours party in the lobby of the new Beaverton Library, 12375 SW 5th Street. The Gala event was free but by invitation only.

The Beaverton Arts Foundation, founded in 1999, raises money to support visual and performing arts programs presented throughout the year by the Beaverton Arts Commission. Most recently, the Foundation contributed funds to the BAC to support a series of three, free musical presentations held in the Beaverton Town Square courtyard in July and August.

The November 4th Gala included tours of the new library and public art collection, performances by the vocal and music ensembles from Beaverton's Arts and Communication High School, refreshments and remarks by special guest, Craig Berkman. Sponsors of the event included: Reser's Fine Foods, Inc., Maletis Beverage, Hindsdale Distributing, DocuMart Copies and Printing, Cascade Piano Company, City of Beaverton, Beaverton Arts Commission, Oregon Arts Commission, Arts and Communication High School and the Greenwood Inn.



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## ***IT'S A BUSY FALL FOR CCI AND THE NACs!***

The Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI) and Neighborhood Associations Committee (NACs) were very busy this Fall organizing and volunteering at two popular events:

□ **On October 10th, the BCCI and City of Beaverton sponsored the Voter's Forum Fall 2000, featuring candidates for local State House and Senate races. Also featured were speakers on the Tualatin Park & Recreation District, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Washington County**

**option levies and Beaverton School District and Portland Community College bond measures. Over 100 people attended. Special thanks to Marcy Speer, volunteer producer, and her crew for their assistance televising the Forum live over Tualatin Valley Community Access.**

□ **On Saturday, October 21 at the Beaverton City Hall, the BCCI, NACs, City of Beaverton, Metro and local haulers sponsored the Fall 2000 Neighborhood Cleanup**

**Day. This event is always very popular with area residents and the turnout was excellent. Volunteers from the NACs assisted customers in unloading their vehicles with items ranging from yard debris and leaves to old chairs and toilets. Nice job volunteers!**

If you are interested in getting involved with your NAC, contact the City's Neighborhood Program at 503-526-2243 V/TDD or by email at [mcallahan@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:mcallahan@ci.beaverton.or.us).

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## ***LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK CENTER A HIT WITH YOUNG ADULTS***

The Homework Center is one of the most popular areas of the new Beaverton City Library. Open during library hours, librarians and volunteer assistants serve students grades 6 through 12. Resources include word processors and Internet stations, reference books and research tools in a CD-ROM format. Young adult novels, audiobooks, magazines and feature films are available for checkout.

### ***PURPOSE OF THE HOMEWORK CENTER***

□ **Assisting young adults with their**

**schoolwork and research assignments.**

□ **Helping young adults improve their study and research skills.**

□ **Providing an area where young people can study, either alone or with others.**

### ***BENEFITS TO STUDENTS***

□ **Developing research skills using print, optical and on-line resources.**

□ **One-to-one interaction with**

**library staff and trained volunteer coaches.**

□ **Opportunity to discover the wide range of learning tools available through their public library.**

The Beaverton City Library is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM - 9 PM, Saturday, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM and Sunday, 12 noon - 5:30 PM. The library is now located at 12375 SW Fifth Street. Telephone reference service is available at 503-526-2577 V/TDD.

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## ***BEAVERTON SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION NEEDS YOU!***

The Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation office has been a flurry of activity this fall. As mentioned in the last "Your City", we had two visits fairly close together that added interest to the program. Our guests from Gotemba, Japan were very pleased with their short Oregon visit and mentioned, after their return to Japan, the rest of their trip was not as enjoyable as their short time here in Beaverton. The Trossingen, Germany group was full of talented students and adults who, during an eight day visit, delighted us all with four concerts. It was an outstanding opportunity to hear some beautiful music.

We are now preparing for the first part of 2001. We plan four student trips one each to France, Germany, Japan and Korea. The three visits planned to Beaverton will be of student delegates from France, Japan and Korea. Because of the age of the participants in the programs, there are many details which need completing prior to each event. All of these events are scheduled before the middle of July. If you have an interest in being a part of the program as a student or adult delegate to one of our Sister Cities or as a host family, please call our office at 503-526-2499 V/TDD for additional details.

On February 10, 2001 our annual Dinner/Auction is scheduled. It will be held at the Greenwood Inn. We are currently looking for auction items to assist this scholarship fund raising program. We are especially interested in package type items, i.e., use of a Mt. Hood, Central Oregon or Oregon coast house for a weekend, dinners at local restaurants or services that would help raise additional funds. All of the funds go to the scholarship fund. Interested in donating or working on the auction? Please call our office at 503-526-2499 V/TDD.

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# HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Listen to holiday music by The Dickens Carolers!

Enjoy Refreshments!



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000**

**5 PM - 7 PM**

**BEAVERTON CITY HALL**

**4755 SW GRIFFITH DRIVE**



VISIT WITH THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCILORS  
AND CITY STAFF!

Bring the whole family!



See Santa!



## PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR

### □ NOVEMBER 2000

#### \*CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

20 Mon. No Meeting  
27 Mon. 6:30 PM City Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

22 Wed. 7:00 PM Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
29 Wed. 7:00 PM Planning Commission - Council Chambers

#### OTHER MEETINGS - LOCATION - CITY HALL

21 Tues. 6:00 PM Beaverton Arts Commission - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.  
6:30 PM Police/Apartment Managers - Council Chambers  
22 Wed. 7:00 PM Comm. for Citizen Involvement - 1st Floor Conf. Rm.

### □ DECEMBER 2000

#### \*CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

4 Mon. No Meeting  
11 Mon. 6:30 PM City Council Meeting - Council Chambers (Televised)  
18 Mon. 6:30 PM City Council Meeting - Council Chambers  
25 Mon. No Meeting - Holiday

#### \*\*NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

6 Wed. 7:00 PM Vose NAC - Beaverton Community Center  
12 Tues. 6:30 PM Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC - Elmonica Elem. School  
13 Wed. 7:00 PM Raleigh West NAC - Beaverton Community Center  
14 Thurs. 7:00 PM W. Beaverton NAC - Seventh Day Adventist Church

20 Wed. 7:00 PM Sexton Mtn. NAC - Sexton Mountain Elem. School  
21 Thurs. 7:00 PM Central Beaverton NAC - Beaverton Community Center  
7:00 PM Highland NAC - Highland Park Middle School

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#### OTHER MEETINGS - LOCATION - CITY HALL

5 Tues. 8:30 AM Bldg. Board of Appeals - Council Chambers  
6:00 PM B.I.K.E. Task Force - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.  
7 Thurs. 7:00 PM Traffic Commission - Council Chambers  
12 Tues. 2:00 PM Sr. Citizen's Advisory Committee - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.

#### 5-7 PM Holiday Open House - City Hall

14 Thurs. 7:30 AM Beaverton Sister Cities - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.  
6:30 PM Board of Design Review - Council Chambers  
15 Fri. 10:00 AM Access Committee - 1st Floor Conf. Rm.  
19 Tues. 6:00 PM Beaverton Arts Commission - 3rd Floor Conf. Rm.  
6:30 PM Police/Apartment Managers - Council Chambers  
21 Thurs. 3:30 PM Citizens w/Disability Adv. Comm. - Council Chambers  
6:30 PM Board of Design Review - Council Chambers  
27 Wed. 7:00 PM Comm. for Citizen Involvement - 1st Floor Conf. Rm.

\* CALL 526-2640 V/TDD FOR A RECORDING OF CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS.

\*\* CALL NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE, 526-2243 V/TDD TO CONFIRM MEETING DATES.



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